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JERUSALEM AWAITS TRUDEAU STATEMENT

WESTMOUNT BOMBINGS POINT AT "PALESTINE" AGITATORS

NO PANIC

by the Montreal CJN city editor

The first arrests of terrorists accused of the most recent bombing outrages in Westmount and of other similar criminal acts prior to Sunday's explosions in Montreal's plush suburb have convinced investigators that the so-called French Separatist underground is infiltrated with agents, paid and unpaid, from Iraq, Algeria, France, Iran and even Toronto. Sources close to the antisubversive squad now exploring the circles involved in the new terror wave in Montreal seem to have discovered a connection between some Arab extremist terrorist groups organized here and the FLQ. It is being recalled that a year ago investigators established that the Al Fatah had contributed some funds to the FLQ (Front de Liberation Quebecois). Also the so-called Union for the Armed Liberation of Quebec definitely is linked with the activities of the so-called Palestinian Resistance Cells not only in Montreal but in Toronto and Ottawa as well.

Although this incident may not be related directly to the bombings in Montreal, a well informed source told The Canadian Jewish News that a recent public accusation by a former Ontario university professor of Arab descent -- that two Toronto dailies are "edited by Jews and are thus unreliable" -- spells the beginning of a new, well financed drive to create dissension within Canada. The purpose of this drive, we were told, is to develop an anti-Jewish sentiment which would help the terrorists propagate both the "liberation" of Palestine and the "liberation" of Quebec. It seems, according to these informants, that these well financed Arab activities are especially noticeable among students.

However the seven bombs planted early Sunday morning in Westmount and the five that exploded have not created any panic within the Jewish community.

Leading Montreal Jews completely endorsed the statement by Quebec Justice Minister Jerome Choquette that between ten and twenty-five persons (terrorists) will not frighten 150,000 Jews in Montreal, nor will they frighten ninety-nine percent of the six-million Quebeckers.

In fact, the sentiment of anger against the terrorists is more outspoken in the French sections of Montreal, including those who are supporting the French Nationalist movements, than in the ethnic communities or even among the Anglo-Saxon minority.

Humble folk in such typically French neighborhoods like Outremont and Ville Mont-Royal told reporters of The Canadian Jewish News that they sympathize with the Bronfman family, a leading Quebec dynasty which contributed so much to the economy of the province, in connection with the bombing of Peter Bronfman's home. Peter is the son of Alan Bronfman, nationally known Jewish leader and businessman.

French Canadians, on this occasion, recall the financial support given constantly by the Bronfman family to French cultural projects in Quebec.

(See editorial, page 4)

FACES AFTER WESTMOUNT BOMBING.-From left to right: Peter Bronfman; a frightened child; Quebec Justice Minister Choquette.

Say Tito misled Canada minister

U.S. considers Phantom delivery

by the CJN diplomatic editor

Foreign diplomats stationed in Beirut noted on Monday that immediately following Prime Minister Golda Meir's statement -- in which Israel's position of accepting the United Nations Security Council resolution as a basis for negotiation was stressed -- the Arab extemists intensified their attacks against the Jewish state, under the direction of Soviet experts.

In Rome it also was noted that Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp allegedly told the NATO Foreign Ministers meeting last week he sees no purpose in delivering more jets to the Israeli Air Force, a move being contemplated by the United States Government in order to provide Israel with the tools to defend itself and the lives of is citizens.

The statement ascribed to Mr. Sharp was termed "unbelievable" by friends of Israel in Canada.

(The Canadian Jewish News was told by Mr. Beauvier of the Press Office of the Department of External Affairs that the head of the press section, Mr. Francis, was in Europe with Mr. Sharp's party and that in the absence of the Minister no one with authority could confirm, deny or even release the exact text of the remarks ascribed to Mr. Sharp.)

The report that Mr. Sharp had made such remarks, just at the moment when the international community was impressed with Mrs. Meir's statement about her readiness to discuss peace upon the basis of the November 22, 1967 resolution, has caused concern about the position of Canada regarding Israel. Most of the Canadian personalities are certain that when Mr. Sharp returns to Ottawa he will clarify the press reports ascribed to him, for such a Canadian statement, if made by the Foreign Minister, would be considered a complete reversal of Ottawa's traditional friendship to the Jewish state, its support for Israel's right to defend itself; it indirectly must harm the chances for peace in the Middle East.

The intensification of Egyptian, Russian guided incursions into Israeli-held territory at the Suez Canal, which cost Israel many lives in the last few days, suddenly has strengthened the position of those who oppose a softer line in dealing with the Arabs. Those circles in Jerusalem say that the more concessions Israel makes, the more pressure the Russians and their Arab satellite regimes will exert upon the Jerusalem Government. The Israelis know the eventual aim of these Arab governments is to destroy Israel.

In Montreal last week, Dr. Yaakov Herzog, one of Israel's top roving diplomats and Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, told the Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel:

* Israel never gave up, and never will give up, its quest for peace on condition that the security and the very existence of the Jewish state are consolidated. However, it will not budge one inch from its newly acquired territories without peace.

* The Jews, he said, must understand that the June events of 1967 constitute a new chapter in the history of the Jewish people and the world must realize that the Jewish homecoming to the Land of Israel is not just a settlement of refugees but the rebirth of a nation which has been the ideal and the very purpose of Jewish existence throughout centuries.

Although there is no official confirmation about Mr. Sharp's exact statement in Rome concerning the Middle East, some question the Foreign Minister's position that has become known.

Mr. Sharp spoke about the serious efforts required because of the growing conflict in the Middle East.

Following his visit to Rome, Canada's Secretary for External Affairs visited Marshal Jossip Bros Tito, President of Yugoslavia, with whom he admittedly discussed the Middle East situation.

It seems, some observers say, that when talking to Dictator Tito Mr. Sharp had forgotten that Tito has been making anti-Israeli speeches containing the same vicious attacks against Israel as heard from the Soviet leaders. No one knows what Mr. Sharp replied when the Yugoslav Communist dictator "warned the Canadian Foreign Minister that the Arab-Israeli conflict could explode into a full war with consequences far beyond the Middle East."

According to reports from Belgrade, Mr. Sharp spoke to Tito about the Middle East for about fifty minutes. They discussed the Soviet involvement in Egypt and the prospects of new U.S. phantom jet deliveries to Israel.

Also Mr. Sharp reportedly had told Tito that Canada was "ready to play an eventual peace keeping role" in the Middle East although Tito did not ask our Foreign Minister for any Canadian initiative.

One of the most enigmatic statements acribed to Mr. Sharp during his visit to Belgrade was the idea of reviving the United Nations peace keeping force in the Middle East.

In Jerusalem and Cairo it seems that Tito and Sharp discussed an issue absolutely irrelevant to the present crisis at a time when Russia seems determined to enter the Sinai by diplomatic pressure and by military attack.

The Canadian Foreign Minister said he was impressed by the 78-year-old Yugoslav leader who reportedly insinuated the Arabs are "prepared to accept the right of Israel to exist." (Tito is a close friend of Egypt's Dictator Nasser.)

Also the Yugoslav President, according to Sharp, feels there are hopes for a settlement between the Arab states and Israel "with security for both parties."

On the other hand, reports from Rome and Washington indicate that the Nixon administration is determined to replace Israeli phantom jets lost in combat if Russia refuses to help deescalate the Middle East conflict.

U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers told the NATO meeting in Rome that the U.S. was reconsidering the Israeli request "in a positive spirit." He also told the same meeting that the United States will not be deterred from its policy by anti-American demonstrations in Arab countries.

Some circles in Western capitals say that Belgium and Holland support the American position on military aid to Israel so long as Russia is involved in Egypt and threatens the NATO position in the eastern Mediterranean. Some observers say Mr. Sharp's statement was not so clear in support of Israel.

The Canadian statement, informants indicate, surprised some Western diplomats as it seemed closer to the French position than to that of the Low Lands and the United States.

This week's meetings in Washington between Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin and U. S. Assistant Secretary of State Sisco, as well as the discussions between President Nixon and King Hassan of Morocco, may bring about a new clarification of the problems.

CJN REPORT FROM JERUSALEM BY AARON SARFATI

ISRAEL CALM, CONFIDENT DESPITE WAR TENSION

On the third anniversary of the Six Day War, the situation in the Middle East escalates rapidly towards a new climax. The Russian intervention in Egypt reminds the chancelleries of the world that Moscow is repeating the same game that brought about the Israeli-Arab confrontation of June, 1967; Nasser and his aides talk again bombastically as they had in May, 1967, assuring the Arabs that now they can win by war what they lost in former battles.

Despite this tension, Israel, according to neutral reports from the capital, is soberly optimistic. The Israelis are determined to live in this state of tension for years if necessary. Most observers still are not convinced there will be a major conflict in the future though there may be serious embroilment on many borders.

American officials are certain that this situation will last for many years despite the fact that reports from the borders are creating the impression that a major outbreak of hostilities is imminent.

So long as the Soviet pilots in Egypt will not challenge Israel's presence along the Suez Canal and will not lead an invasion into the Sinai, the present situation may continue. This period, diplomats believe, is Moscow's aim.

However Israeli's say they will not tolerate an intensification of air raids and acts of terror geared at civilians. They may be forced into a defense effort similar to that of June, 1967.

The Israelis also are confident of their ability to cope with any situation. The most fascinating aspect of the situation here at this moment is an unknown economic boom. There is plenty of employment and tourists continue to arrive in greater numbers than ever.

In the capitals of the Western world, the conviction is deep that Israel must receive planes from the West. Otherwise Nasser and his friends will become convinced erroneously as they were in May, 1967, that Israel is abandoned, helpless and could be attacked with impunity.

ONLY NIXON CAN PREVENT CATASTROPHE

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - Golda Meir, Israel's Prime Minister and Mr. Eban, the Foreign Minister, made strenuous efforts last week to achieve appropriate United States reaction to what Jerusalem sees as an explosive aggravation of Soviet involvement in the area.

Mrs. Meir saw the American Ambassador, Mr. Walworth Barbour, and Mr. Eban met the US Secretary of State, William Rogers.

According to the semi-official newspaper Davar, Mrs. Meir told Mr. Barbour that there could be a serious incident any day now, obliging the US to undertake far-reaching action which still could be avoided by deterrent moves.

Israel does not regard the measures so far taken by Washington as meeting the present dramatic state of affairs and is trying to persuade the US that only immediate decisions by Mr. Nixon can prevent a threatening catastrophe.

The belief here is that the Russians, encouraged by American passivity, are helping the Egyptians to prepare for a crossing of the Suez Canal in force.

HOLDING BACK SUPPLIES

America is not only refusing to react by holding back on the diplomatic action and military supplies which Israel considers vital. She is also demanding certain political commitments from Israel as a price for continued support. Jewish settlement in Hebron was the subject of one exchange of notes -- a matter on which compromise is not acceptable to the Israeli Cabinet.

RABBI REACTS TO STATEMENT

Appeals to Trudeau

Rabbi Dr. David Monson, spiritual leader of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue, one of Canada's leading Conservative congregations, issued an open letter to the Prime Minister, Members of the Government and "all those whom Providence has placed in positions of influence" to reverse immediately the unfortunate statement by Foreign Minister Sharp at the NATO meeting, opposing phantom jet sales to Israel.

Rabbi Monson's appeal is published on page 5 of this issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

Commentary

BY M. J. NURENBERGER

ENIGMA MITCHELL SHARP

I should be in danger of becoming a diplomat were I to minimize the repercussions within the Jewish community following the latest statement by Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, concerning phantom jets for Israel.

Only two weeks ago I heard Mr. Sharp speak in the warmest terms about Israel, her position, about his hopes for peace in the Middle East. Then last week came the bomb from Rome: Canada's Foreign Minister reportedly stated at the NATO meeting he does not favor the despatching of more phantom jets to Israel because it would not change the situation.

In Ottawa I was told that such a statement by the Canadian Foreign Minister would be consistent with the "established Canadian policy". It seems, according to Ottawa officials, that this policy is one of opposition "to direct intervention by the major powers in the Arab-Israeli conflict and perpetuation of the arms race in the area since both involve the risk of further escalation, and thus represent a threat to world peace." Thus Russia has the sole right "to intervene".

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Several weeks ago, when the Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker had been mentioned in this newspaper as "the architect of Canadian-Israeli friendship," he reportedly remarked with sadness in his voice:

"I am afraid all the architect can say is that the building is crumbling."

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If Mr. Sharp actually "advised" the NATO meeting and U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers not to despatch more phantom jets for the defense of Israel, a new crisis is developing between Ottawa and Jerusalem.

I cannot believe that Mr. Sharp really said such a thing, especially after many public remarks regarding Israel; nor can I accept for a fact the reports from Belgrade that he was taken in by the old fox, Marshall Tito, when the latter unfolded his feelings of concern for Israel.

Tito's concern is Brezhnev's concern for peace, or the policy of Kossygin.

I do not know whether Mr. Sharp remembers that only a few weeks ago the Prime Minister of Russia denied that Soviet servicemen were involved in Egyptian operations against Israel. Now Nasser himself admits it.

At such a time, with all the facts before him, after the Soviet Union has invested $3 1/2 billion in military aid to Egypt, after Moscow has established missile bases in that country of the kind that almost had caused a world war during the Khrushchev-Kennedy Cuba crisis, am I to believe that the Foreign Minister of Canada would counsel Washington to disarm Israel while the USSR not only is arming Egypt but is running the war on the western shore of the Suez?

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What happened? Is there an escalation of Canada's "neutrality" in favor of the enemies of Israel? Should we believe that this is the new position of Ottawa? Is the Trudeau Government ready to offer the Communist conspiracy new victims for its salami-slicing policy to cut the positions of the free world in areas it aims to occupy, one after the other?

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The Canadian Government knows quite well that Israel is neither an aggressor nor is she opposed to peace talks.

Mr. Trudeau, who just has returned from Asia, knows that the Red Moloch never will be satiated unless stopped.

It is an outright lie to contend that certain facets of Israeli policy have prevented Nasser from making peace with Israel. The Arab governments, under the tutelage of Russia, have not deterred yet from their policy of no *recognition, no peace*. They openly maintain they will not accept the presence of a Jewish state in the Middle East. The war is not for Israeli retreat from newly conquered positions but for the elimination of Israel and for the establishment of a so-called binational state, a new euphemism for the extinction of Jewish sovereignty.

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I read a new book by a friend of the so-called Palestinian resistance. This French, Middle East expert states openly that the common denominator of all Arab resistance movements is: the State of Israel must be destroyed. Yet he cautions his Arab friends: Although the Israeli nation is a product of a process of colonization – as are many other modern states – this fact does not change in the least the situation that now Israel *is* a national entity, here to stay.

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Mr. Sharp is well aware, from his talk with Nasser, that there are two problems involved in bringing together both Jews and Arabs to the negotiating table: on the Israeli side, the demand for the recognition of the Jewish state – the end of the Arab fantasy that Israel be "returned" to a Bedouin tribe (such a dream is as possible as giving America back to the Indians). On the Arab side, theirs is the official demand that Israel withdraw from the newly conquered territories.

Whether Israel is ready to withdraw, Sharp knows.

Will Russia allow the Arabs to negotiate? So long as the Arabs are not prepared to discuss matters, it means they are preparing for the destruction of Israel.

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Many of us have remained silent in recent years when Canada has applied with rigor the embargo against selling strategic materials to Israel while furnishing them to Pakistan which in turn sends them to Jordan.

There are other problems between Israel and Canada. Yes, there definitely has been a deescalation of the cordial friendship since the Diefenbaker days and the days of Pearson and Martin.

If one is impressed by compliments and beautiful talk at banquets, and wishes to ignore the facts, he may deny that Israel, one of Canada's best customers, is not treated equally with other similar nations. For somehow in the subconscious mind of some of our best friends, there still is this doubt about *recognizing* Israel.

I agree, it is difficult for those influenced by a two-thousand-year-old tradition to perceive the Jewish revolution and the emergence of Israel; to destroy the prejudice against a national Hebrew existence.

Thus the *house of friendship* may be crumbling – unless Secretary Sharp clearly states to those interested in the survival of Israel that he has not been instrumental in advising the Americans to withhold jets from Israel.

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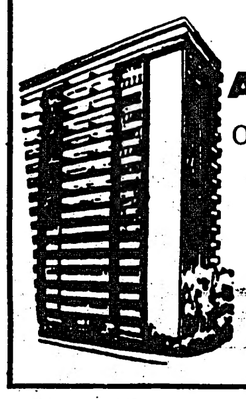

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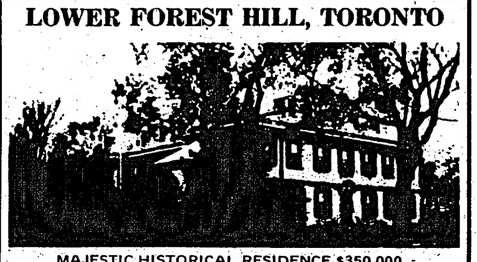

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Toronto Bonds feature phone hookup

By means of a special telephone hookup linking Washington, Ottawa and Toronto, Toronto's Israel Bond leaders and supporters will have a unique opportunity to hear Ambassador Itzhak Rabin of Israel, who served as Chief of Staff in the Six Day War, who will report on the latest dramatic developments affecting Israel at a special emergency dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, June 16th, at the Zionist Centre, 188 Marlee Avenue. Ambassador Ephraim Evron will participate in the extraordinary conference hookup from Israel's Embassy in Ottawa with a special message for Toronto Jewry.

In a joint statement, Dr. Norman W. Shaul, Aron Frankel and Nathan Arback, cochairmen of the Toronto Congregational Committee for the 1970 Israel Bond Drive, stated, "The Six Days of June, 1967 are vividly recorded in the minds of every Jew. By attending the June 16th meeting Toronto Jewish leaders and supporters will play an important role in inaugurating Six Days Of Action For Israel through Israel Bonds, to give meaningful economic support for Israel's struggle for survival." In an impressive involvement of key elements in communities throughout North America, the Six Days Of Action For Israel will be a united push for Cash Collection of all out-standing Israel Bond purchases, on a person-to-person level.

"With the Middle East crisis reaching a level of increased peril for Israel, the urgency of Israel's economic situation demands immediate and positive action, quite apart from our 'normal' campaign activities," the cochairmen stressed. "We invite -- we Urge -- all officers of congregations, organizations, and groups, and their workers and members, to join us on June 16th to hear the special messages from Ambassador Rabin in Washington and Ambassador Evron in Ottawa."

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S.O.S. FROM VILNA

Copenhagen, (JCNS). - Seven Jewish men and women from Vilna, the capital of the Soviet Republic of Lithuania, have written an open letter seeking aid to emigrate to Israel.

Addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, the chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission and the Israeli Premier, Mrs. Golda Meir, the 1,300-word letter was smuggled out of Lithuania and delivered to the Chief Rabbi of Denmark, Rabbi Bent Melchior, last week.

The signatories, who have put their full names and addresses at the end of the letter, each give the names and addresses of the relatives in Israel with whom they want to be reunited.

All seven signatories say that they have made repeated requests to the authorities to be allowed to emigrate to Israel and that the requests have been refused "without explanation or reason."

The letter appeals to U Thant and Mrs. Meir to use their prestige to help the signatories to "live in our own land" and concludes: "Let us go home."

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ESRAS TORAH

A Torah Fund Which Helps Torah Scholars in the Spirit of Torah

By Philip Zimmerman

JEWS AND *tzedaka* surely form a venerable partnership, which has roots in the antiquity of Jewish tradition. Yet, if the average Orthodox layman is asked to cite examples of present-day Jewish philanthropy, the names most likely to be heard would be those of massive semi-secular Jewish organizations, which despite their scope, are not pure examples of the Torah concept of *tzedaka*. Have then the functions of Jewish charity been taken over completely by secular organizations, or do examples of traditional Jewish *tzedaka* still exist? Indeed they do, but they are often hidden in the quiet corners of Jewish life and known to only a relatively few devotees as well as to the thousands who are aided by them.

One of the most important of these exemplars of pure Torah charity, vital both for its long history of past achievements and for the urgency of its present undertakings is the Esras Torah Fund (Torah Relief Society), which is outstanding in the calibre of its founders and leaders and unique in the spectrum of Torah luminaries it has aided through its fifty year history.

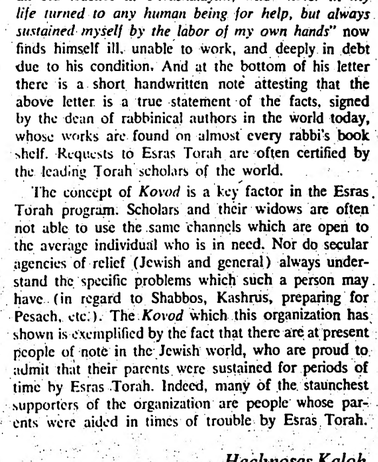
Esras Torah was founded by the Agudas Harabbonim (Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada) during the First World War (1915) to aid rabbis in war-torn Europe.

Among the departed greats of that period who were actively associated with the founding and work of the organization, were Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, long-time president of the Agudas Harabbonim, Rabbi Meir Berlin, world-president of the Mizrachi movement, and Rabbi Bernard Revel, first president of Yeshiva College, as well as almost every other leading figure in American Orthodoxy of that time. The organization has maintained this high level of leadership until the present day.

The volume *Zichoron Basefer*, published by Esras Torah in 1922, records that the entire rabbinical aristocracy of Eastern Europe benefited from the work of the Society, either personally or as agents to distribute funds to needy disciples. Among those who served in that capacity were the sainted Rabbi Ahron Kotler, dean of the Yeshiva world; Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, renowned Rabbi of Vilna, a community known as *Yerushalayim D'Lita;* Rabbi Moshe Mordecai Epstein, the illustrious dean of the Hebron Yeshiva; Rabbi Eliezer Finkel, revered dean of the Yeshiva of Mir; and the luminaries of Brisk, Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchick and his son Reb Velvel, זכרונם לברכה. But the list goes on and on, and if one desires a *Who's Who* of the Torah world in Eastern Europe of this period, no better source could be found than this list of those helped by Esras Torah.

In 1926 a great event occurred in the history of Esras Torah; the great *gaon*, Rabbi Yosef Eliahu Henkin joined the organization which he leads to this day. This is not the place to chronicle the dedication and devotion and actual physical deprevation of this saintly personality, motivated by a desire to give every possible aid to those in need. But his life and work are a unique record, which is an inspiration to all who know him. It was under the leadership of Rabbi Henkin and his dedicated staff that the organization met the crisis of World War II. Many are the *talmidei chachomim* and their families whose lives were saved by the help of Esras Torah. One reads with a sense of deep tragedy the cables calling for aid which flowed from the great rabbinical leaders of Eastern Europe retreating ahead of the German hordes. Surprisingly, there are in the files of the organization letters sent by large Jewish charities, which forwarded requests for aid from stranded scholars, with a note that perhaps Esras Torah could help. While these agencies had the apparatus for helping masses of people, they had no structure for aiding the individual, and often did not even answer such requests, but sent them directly to Esras Torah. That these groups recognized the value of Esras Torah is attested to by the fact that for many years the Joint Distribution Committee supplied a portion of the budget of Esras Torah.

When aid to Europeans Jewry became impossible, the organization focused on Eretz Yisroel, and among those involved in the work were such giants of Jewish life and learning as the *Chazon Ish* of Bnei Brak, perhaps the greatest world authority in Jewish law after the passing of the *Chofetz Chaim;* Rabbi Iser Zalman Meltzer, formerly Chief Rabbi of the great Jewish center of Slutzk and later head of the Etz Chaim Yeshiva in Yerushalayim. Thousands of rabbis, their widows and children were helped by Esras Torah, in all parts of the world. It is hard to conceive that in a normal year, this modest organization dealt with over 10,000 cases.



Rabbi Yosef Eliahu Henkin

Temicha, Yechidim, Kovod

Three Hebrew words spell out the essence of Esras Torah—*Temicha* (support for those in need), *Yechidim* (individuals) and *Kovod* (respect for the dignity of the recipient). Every day approximately fifty letters for help arrive at the simple office of this organization on New York's Lower East Side. These letters are read and checked against the carefully-kept files of the organization. Then a decision is made as to how much *Temicha* is to be sent. Money is never sent to organizations, foundations or yeshivos—only to *Yechidim*. A *talmid chochom* in Israel needs funds to keep his head above water while he struggles amidst family illness to complete an important volume of Torah scholarship . . . the widow of a rabbi in a South-American country seeks aid for herself and her children . . . an old teacher in *Yerushalayim*, who *"never in my life turned to any human being for help, but always sustained myself by the labor of my own hands"* now finds himself ill, unable to work, and deeply in debt due to his condition. And at the bottom of his letter there is a short handwritten note attesting that the above letter is a true statement of the facts, signed by the dean of rabbinical authors in the world today, whose works are found on almost every rabbi's book shelf. Requests to Esras Torah are often certified by the leading Torah scholars of the world.

The concept of *Kovod* is a key factor in the Esras Torah program. Scholars and their widows are often not able to use the same channels which are open to the average individual who is in need. Nor do secular agencies of relief (Jewish and general) always understand the specific problems which such a person may have (in regard to Shabbos, Kashrus, preparing for Pesach, etc.). The *Kovod* which this organization has shown is exemplified by the fact that there are at present people of note in the Jewish world, who are proud to admit that their parents were sustained for periods of time by Esras Torah. Indeed, many of the staunchest supporters of the organization are people whose parents were aided in times of trouble by Esras Torah.

Hachnosas Kaloh

At present a project which occupies much of the time and means of the fund is aiding rabbinical families in Eretz Yisroel with the financing of the marriage of their children, and particularly in the back-breaking task of finding quarters for the newly-weds. This is one of the great social problems of young people in religious circles of Israel today, often leading to postponement of marriage and to the difficulties resulting in having newly-weds forced to live with their parents. It is no secret that among the religious families of Yerushalayim, marriages are often made possible by the aid which Esras Torah gives.

The integrity of Esras Torah is unquestioned, not only in religious circles, but even among the leaders of international Jewish philanthropies. Recently, when a sum of reparations monies had to be distributed equitably between a number of claimants, Esras Torah was called upon to do the job.

Esras Torah merites honor and respect from all areas of Jewish life, for it personifies the Torah concept of charity, in the collection of funds (no paid solicitors!), in the supervision thereof, in the dedication of staff and voluntary workers, and in the distribution of funds.

By the very nature of Esras Torah, which functions without the fanfare that is typical of other agencies, and because of the modesty of its distinguished leader, Esras Torah is not sufficiently known even among the new generation of young Orthodox Jews which is growing in this country. Yet beyond its intrinsic value, Esras Torah must become better known for the model that it is, of a Torah agency, collecting and distributing funds, and maintaining the highest standards of Torah and *Kovod Hatorah*.

As a noted American rabbi has put it: "Every Jewish *tzedoko* is holy, but Esras Torah is holy of holies."

PHILIP ZIMMERMAN is a former U.S. Army chaplain who is now a practicing chemist in New York City.

MONTREAL NOTES

SYMPOSIUM

Congregation Beth Ora presented a public symposium -- Are Movies Better Than Ever? -- last Sunday evening. Panelists were: Rabbi Benjamin Hauer, national executive director, Religious Zionists of Canada; Martin Malina, movie critic of Montreal Star; Andre Guerin, president, Quebec Board of Cinema Censors. Rabbi Morris Halpern, spiritual leader of Beth Ora, served as moderator.

ADOPTED CHILDREN

Bet Zimra, B.B. girl's chapter, has adopted two Israeli foster children as its community service project. The chapter will receive the case history of these children and will be able to follow their educational development.

Marlene Schwartz, president of Bet Zimra, presented a check for $344 to Hadassah Wizo which is responsible for organizing the foster children's program.

GUEST LECTURER

Dr. Nissan Oren, visiting Professor at the Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, will be guest lecturer at the Saidye Bronfman Center of the YM-YWHA and NHS, this Sunday evening. Topic: Justice and Politics in the Arab-Israeli Conflict.

MONTREAL EVENTS

WEEK FROM
FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, TO
THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH:
Israel Bond Tel Hai at Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8TH:
Beth Zion Hebrew School Graduation Exercises, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH:
Women's Federation Education Meeting, 10 p.m.

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THE ELITE OF MONTREAL'S COMMUNITY OBSERVES 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAR ILAN

The Hon. Victor C. Goldbloom, Quebec Cabinet Minister, becomes Honorary Fellow of Bar Ilan

In conferring the honorary degree, Rabbi Seymour M. Zambrowsky stated, i.e., ". . . A look at the world today reveals how hopelessly we are split up into fragmentary and conflicting individuals and groups. We often hear our world being referred to as a crazy world. In the French term, Ecrase, which means broken and shattered.

"The only way out of the present situation is forward – to the community. The most desirable blessings in human life comes from fellowship. . .

"Justice, justice shalt thou pursue, is the Biblical injunction. To us justice is not without us, as a fact, but like the Kingdom of God, a great yearning within us, our whole social life is in essence but a long, slow striving for the victory of justice over force . . ."

GUESTS OF HONOR.-(from left to right) Dr. Yaakov Herzog, Jerusalem; Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Minister Without Portfolio, Government of Quebec.

OUTSTANDING GUESTS.-(from left to right) Michel Zimmerman; Canadian Friends Bar Ilan University, Montreal; Philip F. Vineberg, Q.C., dinner chairman; Nathan Steinberg; Dr. Goldbloom; Alan Bronfman, president, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University; Rabbi Seymour S.M. Zambrowsky, vice chairman, Global Board of Trustees, Bar Ilan University.

AN HISTORIC EVENT

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 28th SEVERAL HUNDRED LEADING MONTREAL JEWS GATHERED AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOTEL TO MARK THE 15th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT IN RAMAT GAN OF BAR ILAN, ISRAEL'S UNIVERSITY THAT COMBINES A FULL ACADEMIC CURRICULUM WITH INTENSIVE TRAINING IN RELIGIOUS VALUES OF JUDAISM.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF BAR ILAN IS BEST REFLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF ISRAEL'S FAMOUS FOREIGN MINISTER, ABBA EBAN: "OUR GENERATION HAS BECOME PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY, IF LEFT UNCONTROLLED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND MORALITY, MAY PROVE NOT THE SALVATION OF MANKIND BUT ITS DESTRUCTION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THOSE ENGAGED IN THE PURSUIT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOULD BE IMBUED WITH THE SENSE OF EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL VALUES."

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, BAR ILAN HAS PURSUED THIS PROGRAM OF SECULAR KNOWLEDGE COMBINE WITH TORAH, OF KNOWING THE WORLD AND KNOWING JUDAISM. SIX-THOUSAND STUDENTS FROM MANY CONTINENTS NOW ARE LINKED TOGETHER IN THESE STUDIES AT BAR ILAN WHERE A GENERATION THAT KNOWETH IS BEING PRODUCED. THOUSANDS MORE ARE AWAITING ADMISSION INCLUDING MANY FROM CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

BAR ILAN NOW IS PREPARING TO MEET THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO DOUBLE ITS STUDENT CAPACITY.

ADDRESSING THE DINNER MEETING, DR. YAAKOV HERZOG, ROVING DIPLOMAT AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN JERUSALEM, STRESSED THE NEED FOR ISRAEL TO EDUCATE THE YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CHALLENGE TO JUDAISM AND ISRAEL TO WHICH WE MUST RESPOND.

JUDAISM ALWAYS HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE TO THE SPIRIT; SO IS MODERN ISRAEL. THIS IS WHY THE NEW JEW MUST BE IMBUED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION OF A JEW AND OF AN ISRAELI AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

BIRDSEYE VIEW.-A cross section of the vast audience that attended the Bar Ilan dinner.

ADDRESSES ASSEMBLED.-Jacob M. Lowy, president, United Israel Appeal, extends greetings. Others: (left to right) Philip Vineberg; Mrs. Vineberg; the Hon. Victor Goldbloom; Mrs. Goldbloom; Michel Zimmerman.

MAKES PRESENTATION.-Mrs. Stanley Weigen, president, Women's Division, Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan, makes a presentation to Michael Zimmerman.

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Windsor

Frieda Friedman
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Toronto

RECEIVING HONORARY FELLOWSHIP.-Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky confers honorary fellowship of Bar Ilan University to the Hon. Victor Goldbloom as Philip F. Vineberg, last year's honoree, looks on. Others on dais: (left to right) Dr. Herzog; Nathan A. Levitsky, Q.C., national president, Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University; David Rothenberg, treasurer; Beno Lowi; Alan Bronfman; Nathan Steinberg.

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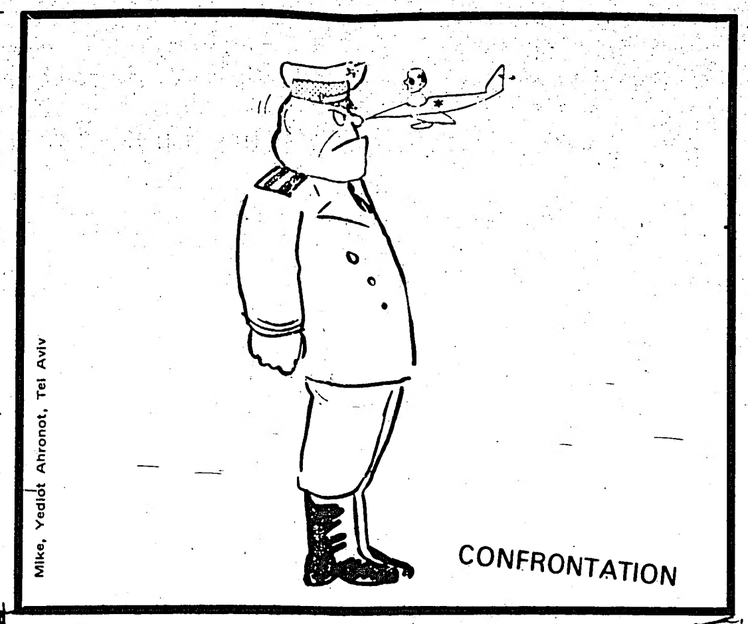

ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

According to rabbinic tradition, the Patriarchs knew and observed the Torah. How, then, could Jacob marry two sisters, or Abraham marry the daughter of his father? (See Genesis 20, 12).

First, it should be noted that not all the rabbis held that the Patriarchs observed the Torah before it was given. Many rabbis held that the Patriarchs only kept the "seven laws of the sons of Noah" *(see Ginzberg: Legends of the Jews, Vol. V, p. 259)*. According to the view that the Patriarchs did keep the Torah, certain exceptions were none the less made "for the sake of heaven." There was much discussion on this in the Middle Ages; for instance, does Genesis 18, 7-8, mean that Abraham gave his visitors first milk and then meat, and not both together? *(See Ginzberg, p. 235)* Modern scholars have detected in the statements about the Patriarchs keeping the Torah an anti-Christian polemic, the Christian claim being that one could be a good man without the Law as evidenced by the Patriarchs. Incidentally, according to one rabbinic interpretation of Genesis 20, 12, Sarah was not Abraham's half-sister, but his brother's daughter *(see Rashi to this verse)*.

Being in a strange town one major festival I was refused admission to the synagogue as I did not have a seat. Would you say this is justified? I cannot imagine a church turning away someone like this.

I can imagine a church turning away visitors when a special service was being held where seats were in short supply. If the church did give preference to visitors over regular congregants it would surely be guilty of privilege in reverse. But I am not defending the practice of turning people away. Generally speaking synagogues do keep aside a few seats for visitors, but it is hardly fair to descend on a synagogue without warning on a major festival. The correct thing to do if you intend to be away from home on these festivals is to write in good time to the rabbi or the officers of a synagogue in the town you intend to visit and it is very unlikely that you will be other than welcome.

How does Hebrew come to be written from right to left? Should we not modernise the script and bring it into line with almost universal usage?

The question why the Hebrew language came to be written from right to left has been asked before in this column. I replied then, and I am no wiser now, that I did not know. However, whether or not this was the original reason it has been suggested that "right" in the Jewish tradition symbolises such concepts as justice, mercy and *right*eousness.

As to whether we should modernise the script, No, no, no! Why should Hebrew (or for that matter Chinese) be "brought into line with almost universal usage"? Variety is the spice of life. The effort required to read the present Hebrew script is little in comparison with the difficulties of learning the language itself, and is in any event a small price to pay for preserving the tradition and the beauty of the ancient script. For most of us, to "modernise" the Hebrew script in this way would be an act of Philistinism akin to the practice (adopted fortunately in very few congregations) of substituting the "modern" instrument of a trumpet for the *shofar*, the oldest musical instrument known to man.

The Six Day War

NO SABBATH

This weekend the free world, especially those who evaluate in historic perspective the presence of Israel among the sovereign nations of today, will observe the third anniversary of the Six Day War. Despite all propaganda emanating from various sources, those openly engaged in the war against Israel, those biased by anti-semitism, racial or religious, and those who traditionally love to sit on the fence when the world burns -- despite all this, history will record the event of June, 1967, as one of the decisive moments in the annals of the defense of civilization.

The June war was not only a victory of the few against the many, as the revolt of the Maccabees. It cannot be compared with any event in Jewish history. For never in the chronicles of our people has there been such an overwhelming feeling among Jews that this time it was the battle of destiny.

Last week in Montreal, diplomat-scholar Yaakov Herzog, in a moving and profound address to a Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan dinner, mentioned the Six Day War episode as demonstrating both the aloneness of the Jew and his mystical link with the Land of Israel. He pertinently pointed out that it is incorrect to speak of the resettlement of Israel and the rebirth of the Jewish Commonwealth as the new ingathering of refugees.

How true are these words! To all of us who analyze what happened prior to the Six Day War -- when Israel had been isolated completely and made ready by the big powers for sacrifice, then came the miraculous military feat of the Israel Defense Forces and the destruction of the powerful enemy, followed by the new conspiracy, after three years, promoting a repetition of the holocaust -- the supernatural, the myth is here to behold.

The establishment of the Jewish state has been a challenge to all among the nations of the earth who claim they are ready to right the historic wrong committed against hundreds of generations of Jews, to participate in this act of historic reparation just be acquiesence, by tolerance, by sufferance of a Jewish national presence.

It seems bigotry, the hatred of the Historic Jew, the inability of reading between the lines of the book of history is not yet the portion of those leading the governments.

Should we despair? We should become non-Jewish were we to give up hope and our belief in the Lord of Hosts and the Lord of Peace.

On this third anniversary of the Six Day War, the Historic Jew, represented by Sovereign Israel, again proposes to the world a Sabbath to follow the six days. For there will be no peace anywhere unless justice comes to the Holy Land.

Westmount

SURVIVAL AT STAKE

Lucien Langlois, editorial writer of Montreal Matin, is justified when he states in his comment upon the most recent Westmount bombings:

"The worst enemies of French Canadians are not the citizens of Westmount . . . Westmount is a city of peace."

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The worst enemies of the cultural and political renaissance of French Canada are those who sow fear and terror. Nothing can harm the cause of French Canada more than impressing the non-French speaking citizens of Quebec that there cannot be peaceful coexistence between those whose mother tongue is French and those whose background is of other cultural traditions.

To a certain degree, Westmount has become a symbol of coexistence which must remain in order to prove that no matter what "solution" one finds to the problems of Quebec, linguistic and economic, they will not be Hitler's final solution or Stalin's synchronization.

Those who struck at Westmount for the purpose of destroying the belief that Quebec remains a land of peace have not served the cause of French nationalism in any of its forms, separatist or federal. We are confident that René Lévesque, whose avowed policy is to achieve sovereignty for his province by the ballot and not by the bullet, will speak up against the terrorists.

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There is no doubt that the terror in Quebec is inspired and even nourished by the so-called revolutionary movements kindled in many centers of the free world by operators emanating such countries as Algeria, Egypt and China.

Frequently it has been proven that some agents of foreign interest are active in Quebec. And those Quebeckers or Ottawa politicians who so often sympathize with those who hijack planes, who kill innocent passengers, who attack women and children in buses, must remember that accepting anarchy in any area of the world is to promote it at home.

Every terrorist movement will find advocates presenting it as a national or social expression of resistance against tyranny. Whether its name is FLQ or Al Fatah, it is nurtured from one source: the forces that would blackmail or hijack the free world into slavery, named "socialism".

There are some who ignore the latest tragedy of Dubcek or the sufferings of the dissenters Moscow despatches to lunatic asylums; some are insensitive to the travail of the thousands of Jews in Communist Poland who were Communists all their lives and now are persecuted in the "anti-Zionist" witch-hunt. The tears of the oppressed, of the terrorized, whether by cruel regimes or their agents active throughout the world, must arouse not only the compassion but the determination on the part of all of us to defend liberty and a society of law.

We must fight for the right to dissent, for the right to be different, for expressing dissent in public, for demonstrating dissent. But simultaneously we must defend the right of the average citizen to live in freedom and peace without fear.

Westmount is a symbol of coexistence. Its survival ultimately will spell the future of freedom in our Canadian society. The Jewish community will help defend its survival.

Toronto's OJCC

A NEW ADDRESS

Last Sunday approximately fifty leading members of Toronto's traditional Jewish community, including rabbis, university professors and businessmen, with the participation of students, met at Shaarei Tefillah for the so-called Jewish Affairs conference. The result of the meeting, chaired by Prof. L. Davids and Kurt Rothschild, was the establishment of an Orthodox Jewish Community Council in Toronto open to all synagogues, congregations and organizations.

As we understand, the Orthodox Jewish community through its new organization will intensify its cooperation with the larger community, Jewish and non-Jewish, on matters where there is a unity of purpose, such as aid to Israel and support of general philanthropic institutions. However, in matters profoundly effecting Torah Jewry, dedicated to survival of Judaism in its halakhic expression, this Council will promote institutions and projects securing the perpetuation of Torah Judaism. In such matters it will be guided by halakhic consideration only in accordance with the two-thousand-year-old historic experience.

A problem which affects the general community, that of the activities of the Jewish Family and Child Service, was brilliantly presented to the meeting by the JFCS director, Jerome Diamond, who appealed to traditional Jewish families and individuals to pay more attention to this problem since we are losing many children because of negligence. This certainly is one area in which the entire community, regardless of religious persuasion, should become involved. The announcement that a special meeting will be held to cooperate with the JFCS in its difficult task as well as more support for the Jewish Vocational Service, the needs of which were expounded by Milt Friedman, definitely should inspire us to a major effort in these areas. We cannot wait until the summer is over and then cry over lost opportunities to save Jewish families, Jewish children and to aid those who are in need of jobs.

According to investigations by The Canadian Jewish News, the unemployment problem already has affected the Jewish community in Canada. Our figures show that approximately one-thousand Canadian Jews are presently unemployed and seeking jobs.

The problem of those dedicated to the observance of the Sabbath are most pathetic.

Thus in extending our best wishes to the new Orthodox Jewish Community Council in Toronto, we hope it will not take a summer vacation but launch its activity immediately, not only in the field of the spiritual but also in the area of material needs.

Controversy affects economy

HISTADRUT CRISIS

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - Two former Chiefs of Staff -- Mr. Mordecai Makleff and Mr. Haim Laskov, both of whom hold the reserve rank of Major-General, are at the center of bitter controversies seriously affecting the nation's economy.

Mr. Makleff has submitted his resignation as director-general of the Citrus Marketing Board towards the end of what growers have described as a catastrophic citrus season. Mr. Laskov, the director-general of the Ports Authority, has come under fire from Mr. Itzhak Ben-Aharon, the secretary-general of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, for his handling of worker relations in the docks. It is possible that Mr. Laskov, too, will resign.

Citrus prices in Europe, including Britain, collapsed during the past few weeks, and Jaffas have been earning only 50 per cent of the estimated market price. There are about seven million unsold cases on the market and the likelihood is that they will rot before buyers can be found.

By the time the Israeli fruit was released, shipments were coming in from other countries at lower prices and in better condition.

Producers in Israel are concerned lest the quality of some of the fruit put on the market this year should harm the name of Jaffas in following seasons, and the newspaper Haaretz has called for an all-out effort to restore the fallen prestige of Israel citrus.

Mr. Ben-Aharon demanded the dismissal of Mr. Laskov, claiming that his behaviour towards port workers was very much that of a general issuing orders to his soldiers. Mr. Laskov countered that he was not a member of the Histadrut and did not have to submit to the methods used by Mr. Ben-Aharon.

The matter is now with the Cabinet and may also come before the Knesset. It is not only Mr. Laskov's position which is at stake, but also that of Mr. Ben-Aharon. He is not popular with the mass of Histadrut members, who criticize his lack of opposition to recent tax increases and his agreement to measures which reduced real earnings.

He is also out of favor with Mr. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, for the outspokenly "dovish" views he expressed during the recent peace policy debate in the Labor Party.

To Letter Writers: Unsigned communications go to the wastebasket

Shavuot Topic

TABLETS OF THE COVENANT

BY T. SHAHAR

The two tablets of stone upon which were inscribed the Ten Commandments are commonly associated with the festival of Shavuot, when the Decalogue was received at Mount Sinai. The Mishna (Ta'anit 4,6) tells us, however, that the tablets were shattered on Tammuz 17.

The Mishna reckoning is based on Exodus 24, 4-15, where it is implied that Moses ascended Mount Sinai on the morning following Sivan 6, the day on which our ancestors received the Ten Commandments. He remained on the mountain for forty complete days, and since Sivan always has thirty days, the fortieth day fell on Tammuz 16, and so he descended the day after.

The Luchot Habrit, a familiar enough sight both within the synagogue and on the exterior facades are depicted as two oblongs with arched tops; sometimes they are separated, sometimes they are joined, and sometimes they appear to be one complete slab with a double curve at the top.

Is this the authentic shape of the stones which Moses brought down from Mount Sinai? If not, what is the origin of this universally

are not told what shape or size the tablets were, but according to a tradition given in the Babylonian Talmud (B. Batra 14a) they were 6 handbreadths long, 6 handbreadths wide and 3 handbreadths in thickness. Each tablet would therefore measure about 22 inches square and 11 inches thick. But in the Palestinian Talmud (Sota 8,3) they are said to be 6 handbreadths long and 3 handbreadths wide, and they would thus be oblong in shape.

The tablets, according to Exodus 40, 20 and I Kings 8, 9, were kept in the Ark of the Covenant, and the discussions in the Talmud are concerned with the method of fitting them into the Ark. From the deliberations of the rabbis, it is evident that they visualised rectangular stones without the curved ends so familiar to us. How, then, did the conventional domed shape originate?

G. B. Sarfatti, in an illustrated article in the Hebrew quarterly Tarbiz (July 1960), states that the tablets first made their appearance in Christian art in Italy, where they are depicted as two separate oblong slabs, in accord with the view of the Palestinian Talmud.

Later, in twelfth century French art, they were joined together and rounded at their tops, and Sarfatti notes that ancient eastern monuments, as, for example, the Moabite had their upper ends curved. His view is that the arched top of the tablets is not derived from the oriental style, since there was never any continuous tradition concerning the shape of the tablets, and furthermore, the ancient monuments had not yet been unearthed.

He attributes the present shape of the stones to the influence of the diptych, which was a register folded into two leaves with curved tops, opening like a book. The Romans kept the names of magistrates in them and later the Catholics used them for inscribing the names of those dead. The name was then given to altar pieces and other paintings that fold together with a hinge in the centre, and was later used for the decorative covers of book in ivory or wood.

From France this design spread to other branches of Biblical art, and eventually became the accepted form of the two tablets.

The Luchot first appear in Jewish art in the thirteenth and forteenth centuries, in hagadot and on synagogue arks. They soon became a Jewish symbol but retained the rounded shape given to them by the medieval Christian artists.

It is ironic that the traditional Jewish view regarding the shape of the tablets, as understood from the Talmud, should have been supplanted by an art form inherited from Christianity, and can be compared with the adoption by Jewry of the division of the Bible into chapters, which is also of Christian origin. One even notes, for example, that the badge of the militantly Orthodox Agudat Israel youth movement portrays the tablets with curved tops.

There are a few exceptions to this practice. For instance, the title page of the Pentateuch published by the Rom Publishing House in Vilna in 1899, bears an illustration of Moses grasping two separate rectangular tablets. And the monthly magazine of the Lubavitch movement, printed in New York, incorporates into its masthead a picture of the two tablets in the form of angular blocks without curved tops.

The portrayal of the curved stones is now so widespread that it seems prudent to accept the advice of the Talmudic maxim: an error which has become deeply rooted through tradition and usage should be allowed to remain uncorrected.

KEEP SMILING

VARIETY

A new arrival to the country never had seen a stage play. On his first day of leisure, he walked up to the ticket window of a theater and asked the price of admission.

"Downstairs, the tickets are $4.80," explained the ticket clerk. "Upstairs, the price is $2.20."

"Is that so?" wondered the surprised immigrant. "Tell me, what's playing upstairs?"

TYPED

New Neighbor: "Hello, little boy. What's your name?"

Little Boy: "My name's Benjy. Are you the 'Awful People' who just moved next door?"

DEFINED

A well dressed stranger entered Mama Rosen's restaurant on Avenue C and ordered the speciality of the house: homemade chopped chicken liver. It was absolutely delicious, better than any he had ever tasted before. He called Mama Rosen to his table.

"Madam," said the stranger, "this chopped liver is the most flavorful, tastiest I ever enjoyed in my life."

"Thank you," Mama beamed.

"Tell me," he asked, "is it cooked by electronics?"

"Why, of course not!" said Mama Rosen shocked. "We are all Jewish here."

HUMAN

Hebrew Teacher: "That will be all for now, Rosie. I have a headache."

Rosie: "Oh, I know about that. Moses had a headache, too!"

Hebrew Teacher: "Moses had a headache? Where did you hear that?"

Rosie: "Grandpa told me. He said God gave Moses two tablets."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HE IS NOT THE COMPOSER

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your supplement on Greece. However, I am surprised that you left out the political facts.

Too many people here fall for the propaganda of the Left against Greece. No one speaks about the tragedy of the millions in Communist countries and it seems that those who would like to see the end of the United States and Western civilization now are conspiring against Greece so that it could be turned over to the Communists.

Only last week C.L. Sulzberger in the New York Times writes: "It is silly to blame Washington for sponsoring the colonels' coup in the first place -- although this is the persistent claim of Communist and fellow traveling propagandists . . . most of them were unheard of in Washington before they came to power.

" . . . It is slanderous when Andreas Papandreou, a former American citizen who was first arrested and then released by the regime, labels the April 21st event the American version of the invasion of Czechoslovakia."

" . . .A sizable portion of the Greek middleclass and farming communities accept the colonel's rule . . ."

Last Sunday, in a review of Papandreou's new book, the New York Times critic openly says that in Greece the choice is not between the present regime and a full democracy but between a dictatorship which is pro-Communist or the government we have now.

In fact, Sulzberger also mentions that "the Kremlin's only contribution to resistance is to blame the United States for supporting the Athens regime."

I hope these facts will become known to all concerned and that behind this campaign against Greece there is the conspiracy to destroy a Western position.

Toronto, Ont.
Andreas Theodorakis
(not related to the composer)

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From the Editors:

The Canadian Jewish News supplement on Greece was devoted exclusively to tourism and business as are all our other international supplements.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

What we give away is ours

Yosef, a generous man, supported every good cause. But one day, when he donated an exceptionally large sum to an institution of learning, his children objected.

"You are giving too much away!" they complained. "If you go on like this, you will be penniless." But Yosef disagreed.

"On the contrary, whatever I give away is really mine," he said. "I have no concern with what I shall leave behind. When I come to heaven, I can bring only what I have given away. I can't take anything with me. I learned this from the Bible: 'Every man's sacred offering shall be his; whatsoever a man gives the Priests, it shall be his' (Numbers 5:10).

"It should be noted that the phrase 'it shall be his' is repeated, and this teaches a great truth. What we give away on earth becomes ours in eternity; and what we give to God becomes truly ours."

The story is told of a society woman who died and, while being escorted to her permanent home in heaven, saw a beautiful mansion.

"Whose home is that?" she inquired. When the angel told her whose home it was, the woman exclaimed: "On earth, that man was my gardener! If he has such a magnificent home, I can imagine what mine will be like."

They passed many smaller homes and, entering a little street, paused before a house that was not even finished. There was only the floor, but no walls and no roof.

"Madam, this is your home," said the angel, "and here you are to live."

"What!" the woman exclaimed. "Surely you are mistaken. On earth, I had a gorgeous home; I entertained lavishly; I was very prominent. I can't live here!"

"I'm sorry, Madam," said the angel, "but this is all the material you sent here."

FROM HEAVEN ON YOUR HEAD, by Dr. S.Z. Kahana, adapted by Rabbi Morris Silverman. By arrangement with Hartmore House, Hartmore House, Hartford, Conn.

Israel under pressure

BY JOSEPH KRAFT

U.S. COLUMNIST SAYS LIFE IN ISRAEL NORMAL

Jerusalem -- The strategic balance in the Middle East may have been decisively altered by the latest Soviet moves in Egypt. But you'd never know it by the looks of daily life here in Israel.

Tel Aviv is alive with enough original activity in theater, music, poetry and films to make Paris look like an obscure provincial town. There is an especially big stir about the closing of a play called "Queen in the Bathtub," that lampooned Premier Golda Meir and had Abraham sacrificing Isaac in order to be the father of a hero.

In Jerusalem, the building of a united city of Jews and Arabs goes on apace. The great tourist hotels have never been fuller. After dark the streets are far safer than they are in Washington -- or even Saigon.

The sense of crisis is further dimmed by popular faith in the military. Recent attacks on Egyptian military targets have inflicted very heavy losses on the other side. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, a chronic pessimist in the past, is reported to be optimistic about chances for working out a military modus vivendi whereby the Russians stay out of the canal zone, where Israeli activity is concentrated.

SOVIET OPPONENTS

"Everybody thinks Dayan is going to find some tactic for neutralizing the Russians," a local journalist said the other day. And an official from the Foreign Office blandly contemplated the possibility that there might be some brushes with the Soviets. "Our pilots are the best," he said. "But what's so good about the Russians? They haven't fought since World War II. Their experienced pilots must be over fifty."

Military confidence works against political movement. Mrs. Meir came out of virtual retirement and took the top job in order to avert a battle between two younger claimants -- Gen Dayan and Deputy Premier, Yigal Allon. Their rivalry continues unabated. So Mrs. Meir is, in effect, locked into office. At 72, she still has immense stamina -- as witness a speech for an hour and 40 minutes to the parliament on Tuesday.

Beneath this great vitality on the surface, to be sure, there are worries aplenty. Israeli casualties have not been light, and they are keenly felt in a country that is as tightly kit as a family, and which has as its founding rationale a concern for human life. Everybody knows that, as Mrs. Meir acknowledged in her speech, the Soviet take-over of Egyptian air defense marked "a serious deterioration of the security situation."

LIKE MAY, 1967. . .

Nobody is happy about the slow American response to the Soviet moves. And put together, all these factors make a smokier picture. Privately, some Israelis are even saying that this May resembles the May that preceded the June war.

In these circumstances some thought is being given to possible new departures in policy. Former Premier David Ben-Gurion has been pushing for a strategic withdrawal from all the lands occupied in the six-day war except for Jerusalem and the Golan Heights opposite Syria. Men close to Foreign Minister Abba Evan speculate about expelling the right wing from the present all-party government to permit a more peaceful - looking regime. There is continuing talk of helping the Palestine Arabs set up a state of their own on the West Bank of the Jordan River -- a move that would supposedly satisfy the chief Arab grievance and take the play away from Cairo and the Russians.

But there is no handle for such moves, no dramatic occasion, no overwhelming sense of necessity. The feeling here is that neither the Arab leaders nor the Soviet Union want a settlement. Any concessions at this stage, it is argued, would only whet the appetite for blood. The Israelis have the sense that they will have to pit their skills and lives against Arab pressure for years and years of more or less constant military encounter. They regard that prospect, not happily, but as certain destiny. And they are moving toward that destiny, convinced that they have no real choice, that there are no other good paths worth exploring.

Moshe Aviv, an Army reservist recently wounded in action, is shown his son after the brit mila (circumcision ceremony) held at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv

Dayan still favourite leader

On the eve of his fourth year in office as Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan continues to be the most popular leader in Israel, according to a nation-wide opinion poll conducted by Mr Rafael Gill, the director of Public Opinion Research of Israel Ltd.—PORI.

According to quarterly checks by Mr Gill, Mr Dayan's popularity rating has been above 90 per cent among Israelis ever since he became Defence Minister in 1967. Only the Premier, Mrs Golda Meir, has approached this figure.

In the latest poll, 92.2 per cent of those questioned said that Mr Dayan was doing a "fine job," 3½ per cent said he was "fairly good," and only 1.1 per cent were dissatisfied with his performance. The remaining 3.2 per cent would not express an opinion.

Mr Dayan's popularity is especially high among new immigrants, 95.8 per cent of whom give him their unqualified approval. He is also slightly more popular among women (92.7 per cent) than among men (91.7 per cent) and among young people (93 per cent) than among older ones (90.1 per cent).

HERITAGE ACADEMY

The Living Heritage Academy of the Four Seasons Hotel, Netanya, Israel, introduces a novel concept for a unique holiday. Director of this new program is Hadassa Rosenberg, wife of Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of Toronto and a fifth generation Israeli who has been living in Canada for the past fifteen years. A lecturer at the University of Toronto and a gifted teacher, she will direct the program and head an international faculty and staff in a one-to-four-week leisure learning program. Motivating the project is a desire to deepen the experience of visitors, tourists and pilgrims to Israel who will be given an opportunity to get the "beat" of Israel the natural way, through a total involvement in the nation's life, history and cultue. The program also will entail VIP encounters at the Four Seasons Hotel itself.

The program for teenagers will be directed by Ronni Rosenberg, a Fine Arts major at the University of Toronto.

The major course will be the study of Hebrew, the Ulpan way, two hours daily at the poolside, in the dining room and in a total Hebrew environment.

This leisure-learning holiday at the hotel situated on the Mediterranean will consist of a "thinking holiday," with sessions on archaeology, kibbutz life, minorities, law and medicine, as well as programs for the artistically orientated in art, music, film and museums. Visits will be made to Jewish, Christian and Moslem holy places, sites and landmarks. Physical activities and fitness programs will be offered.

The Four Seasons Hotel is a fully air-conditioned luxury hotel with the Mediterranean at its back door, thirty minutes from Tel Aviv, one hour from Jerusalem. For the gourmet and connoisseur, there is gracious dining, kosher cuisine and impeccable service. Entertainment is provided evenings by famous dance groups, army choruses and folk singers.

Enrolment for the Academy program is for one, two, three or even four weeks, beginning on Saturday of each week.

TO TAKE PART IN SCHOOL DINNER PROGRAM.-The following personalities will participate at the annual dinner of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto on Wednesday, June 17th, marking the 63rd year of the school's work in Jewish education: (top, left to right) Stephen Berger, chairman, Board of Jewish Education; Rabbi Emanuel Forman of Shaarei Shomyim Synagogue; Abe Posluns, president, United Jewish Welfare Forman of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; Abe Posluns, president, United Jewish Welfare Fund. Bottom, left to right: Cantor Tibor Kellen of B'nai Israel Beth David, who will provide a musical interlude; Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education; Samuel J. Sable, chairman of the Community Academy.

Associated was among the first of its kind in the school system to utilize Hebrew as a living language of instruction before the issuing of the Balfour Declaration and long before the establishment of the State of Israel. It has grown from an initial group of twenty pupils to its present enrolment of more than 1,500.

Majority of graduates of Associate Day School continue their studies in the Community Hebrew Academy, a senior day high school sponsored by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto. It has close to 200 students in grades 10 through 13, enabling graduates of Junior day high schools to pursue their Hebrew and general studies on the high school level. A new, 28-room school of Associated will be erected on Finch near Bathurst.

Other participants at the dinner which also will honor Dr. Levi Jacober, who is retiring after 45 years of continued service in the field of education, are: Joseph Levine, president of Associated; Louis L. Lockshin, chairman of the building committee; Samuel Shainhouse, chairman, executive of Associated; Nathan Silver, chairman, Associated budget committee; Harold L. Desen, who will preside.

בס"ד

למען ציון לא אחשה

We dare not remain silent

While the blood of innocent children flows in the Land of Israel

While the agricultural settlements are bombarded by Russian rockets fired by murderous Arab hands

While the finest of our youth is being killed at the shores of Suez

We dare not remain silent

The word, we, includes first

The Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the Members of the Cabinet; the Members of Parliament and all those whom Providence has placed in positions to influence the march of history.

On Thursday, May 28th, the daily press reported that the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, advised the NATO Foreign Ministers meeting in Rome:

". . . Any sale of jet fighter-bombers by the United States to Israel would not help the Middle East situation. . ."

This statement ascribed to our Foreign Minister was made at the same time the Government of the USSR has continued its sinister operations in Egypt, directing the preparations for a new war against the Jewish state.

The people of Canada, regardless of race, creed or ethnic descent, overwhelmingly support the traditional friendship of all Canadian governments towards embattled and beleaguered Israel whose very existence is threatened by Moscow and all those who support the Red conspiracy

In accordance with Canadian policy and in the spirit of our freedom loving and fairminded nation, which was the first to rally to the side of Britain in her darkest hour in 1939, we hope the Prime Minister will inform the President of the United States immediately that Canada supports Israel's demand for the purchase of phantom jets, the absolute minimum for the defense of her sovereignty and for the survival of two-and-a-half million Jews, most of them rescued from extermination camps and Arab countries of oppression

The Prime Minister of Canada must remember that a just society cannot be limited within the confines of one country or one continent. Justice is universal

Any delay by the United States in deciding to supply Israel with the phantom jets and hawks is interpreted by the Arabs as encouragement of their belligerency and by the Russians as condonement of their intensified involvement. The supply of United States arms is the only way to prevent Cairo and Moscow from miscalculations which could lead to disaster.

Toronto, Ontario

RABBI DAVID MONSON

P.S. All who agree with this message, please wire the Prime Minister

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

RECORD OF ACTUALITY

HARD TIMES: AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION, by Studs Terkel. 462 pp. Pantheon.

This is not the best time for a book of this nature to have been published.

With the stock markets reeling, unemployment high and business conditions deplorable, a book about the 1929 Depression does not necessarily make for enjoyable reading.

If one can remove oneself, however, from our immediate economic problems, reading Studs Terkel's interesting and innovative study can be profitable and fascinating.

A word about format. The author traveled throughout the United States interviewing people who had lived through the Depression. He taped their conversations as well as those of people who may not have lived during that period but who were affected by it.

From this group he chose about 150 dialogues and monologues, edited them and presented them to the reading public.

The result is a charming, oral record of a time in American history that tried men's lives. The book is all the more effective because it does not become mired in heavy explanations of economic theories. What we see is the Depression and how it affected simple people in everyday walk of life.

The portraits most

The portraits most touching deal with men who were young children in the Depression years. They describe how living standards plummeted and how their parents were ruined both financially and emotionally. Houses had to be sold for a pittance; servants disappeared; meals became less frequent, the little extras in life vanished.

There are several excellent sections in HARD TIMES chronicling the violent labor unrest that characterized the epoch. Eye witness accounts of strike-breaking activities are reproduced. One speaker tells of how the great General Douglas McArthur led the militia against a crowd of workers who had come to Washington to protest their lack of work.

Terkel's collection of oral accounts of the 'thirties also helps correct a misconception that has been widespread: While the majority was reduced to poverty, there was a significant minority that became wealthy.

One such individual quoted in the book, an advertising executive, records how he made his fortune in the gloomiest days of the economic collapse. Another, a psychiatrist, tells how he amassed huge sums of money treating patients ruined by the market's collapse.

HARD TIMES comes with a record, featuring some of the voices represented in the book. The record adds great actuality to the impact of Terkel's story.

RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

There are many people in the Jewish community who look askance at books dealing with the Yiddish language. There have been so many cheap and vulgar allusions made to Yiddish in recent years that when a good book comes along it often is rejected.

I hope that will not be the fate of Leo Rosten's THE JOYS OF YIDDISH (Simon and Schuster), now available in pocket book.

Rosten's book is a reverential study of Yiddish in the form of an anecdotal dictionary. With each word or expression the author presents, historical sketches explaining the word are appended. In addition, there are some excellent humorous stories associated with many of the words.

Rosten may be faulted for some of his philological observations but his whimsical yet warm treatment of the Yiddish language is to be praised.

WITH SKULL CAP AND TALIT.-Sir Laurence Olivier, who plays Shylock in the London (Eng.) version of The Merchant of Venice, recites kaddish as the final curtain falls. Since Shakespeare's text makes no reference to a prayer shawl, the innovation is not only a lament for Shylock but presumably for his treacherous daughter Jessica who stands forlorn at the end.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

SHOWMAN BACK

Mr. Showmanship, otherwise known as the famous Liberace, returns to O'Keefe Center in his new 1970 show, Monday, June 22nd, for one week only.

The candelabra, the sartorial splendor of his costumes, the amazing pianistic versatility and the equally famous sense of humor of this artist are all part of a legend earning him the apt title of Mr. Showmanship.

EXHIBIT

An exhibition of ceramics from the Ceramic Studio of the YM-YWHA is being held now through June 13th at the York Library. Responsible for the lovely selection on display is Beck Breland, instructress, now on the staff of York University. She has been exhibiting in Metro Toronto since 1965.

DAY OF JOY

Saturday, June 13th, a Day of Joy, is being organized by Rudy Brown and some of the cast of Hair, on Toronto's Centre Island from noon to 4 p.m. The continuous entertainment will be provided by cast members and other entertainers. Performers include: Robin White and Slaughterhouse; Rudy Brown; Gale Garnett; The Ryan Brothers, Clint and Paul; Brenda Gordon; Frank Moore; Tobi Lark and Jim Peters with Jackson Park. George Taros, musical director of Hair, will be playing original material.

Otto Klemperer celebrating the 85th birthday

A FAVORITE RETURNS

Nihal, young Ceylonese singer, appears through Saturday, June 13th, at the Imperial Room of the Royal York Hotel. Dancing to Moxie Whitney and his Orchestra.

LIVELY PERFORMERS

Glenn Smith and the Fables are entertaining in the Hook and Ladder Club of the Seaway Beverly Hills Motor Hotel through June 13th.

SCIENTOLOGY

Tomorrow and Sunday a scientology on art, drugs, entertainment and education will be held at the St. Lawrence Center for the Arts.

SPANISH INTELLECTUALS FIGHT BIGOTRY

Madrid, (JCNS). - More than twelve nuns were among a large audience which attended a symposium here organized by the Madrid Jewish-Christian Friendship Society, on Traces of Anti-semitism in Popular Cults and Customs.

Those taking part in the symposium included the two presidents of the Friendship Society, Max Mazin, a former president of the Madrid community, Father Vicente Serrano, Rabbi Baruch Garzon and Professor de las Penas.

Father Serrano referred to a village in Valladolid Province called Castrillo de Matajudios (mater means "to kill" and judios means "Jews"). He said that there still were some Spanish sayings uncomplimentary to Jews.

Mazin said there had been a profound change in the Roman Catholic Church's attitude towards the Jews since the Ecumenical Council in 1965.

A Roman Catholic priest enumerated examples of this change. He said that medieval and antisemitic phrases had been removed from prayers and that several tales of Christian children killed by Jews had been scotched.

He mentioned specifically "the child of la Guardia", in Toledo Province, whose existence cannot be proved and whose name has been deleted from the calendar of Catholic martyrs.

The symposium reached the conclusion that a great deal of positive work had been done to destroy the last remnants of antisemitism in Spain. It expressed the hope that it would disappear completely in the near future.

DANISH PAVILION

Beginning June 24th thru July 1st, the Danish Pavilion will be in the Centennial Center at 1967 Ellesmere Road, Scarboro. Included is a restaurant serving Danish open sandwiches, Danish pastry, Carlsberg and Tuberg beer, Aalberg Advavit, Cherry Heering, Cherry Kijafa, Kirneva Cherry and Prince of Denmark Cherry.

Booths will display and sell Danish gifts, furniture, food. Danish folk music will be arranged by singer Hanne Nielsen and accordionist Gerry Harding.

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THEATRE MUSIC FILM

by D. COHN

* Tempus fugit. Last week author Herman Wouk celebrated his 55th birthday.

* Larry Tucker, son of famed tenor-cantor Richard Tucker, and Paul Mazursky, respectively producing and directing Alex in Wonderland for Metro, have received Italian director Federico Fellini's permission to have an actor impersonate him in the movie. The protagonist of "Alex" is a movie director who makes a tremendous hit with a film, then fears to make another because of enormous doubts which beset him.

* An Israeli film making the rounds is The Dreamer, directed by Dan Wolman. It deals with Eli, a carpenter, who works as a handyman at an old people's home in Safed. Despite his affairs and mundane activities, it is hard for him to face reality. However, he finally comes to terms with himself and devotes his life to making the oldsters happy.

* The old, familiar Hollywood no longer exists. Now film students are directing features. Playwrights are writing original screenplays and they are not being ground into studio formulas. And no subject is taboo.

Of Hollywood's seven surviving studios, five -- MGM, Paramount, 20th Century-Fox, Warner Brothers and Universal -- lost money in their last fiscal year. MGM, the greatest of the studios, lost $35.4 million in 1969.

More than half the people normally employed by the studious are unemployed. Hardly anyone is filming anything. MGM just has sold all of its properties and costumes from fifty-six years of moviemaking.

MGM, once tradition-bound, is leading the youth wave, possibly for economic reasons. A ceiling of $2 million has been set for future productions, which meant canceling Fred Zinnemann's scheduled movie of Andre Malraux's Man's Fate (budget, $10 million).

At MGM is 39-year-old Herbert Solow, a highly charged former Desilu television executive. He says, "We're dropping the studio hierarchy bull, where everyone is a member of an echelon. I like people who think young."

President of Fox is 35-year-old Richard Zanuck; president of United Artists, 39-year-old David Picker; Columbia, 40-year-old Stanley Schneider. At Paramount, 39-year-old Robert Evans is vice president in charge of production. Some studios have young executives in charge of finding new talent; Peter Bart at Paramount; Ned Tanen, at Universal. Ned Tanen, at Universal.

"We're out of the dealmaking business and into the filmmaking business," explains Tanen. "What's going on is probably the best thing in films since sound. A shake-out!"

Some oldtimers think it is the worst thing in films.

* Elliott Gould and Jack Brodsky are not afraid of sex. Last week they decided their production company would join Paramount Pictures in an effort to film Dr. David Reuben's scientific sizzler, Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex -- But Were Afraid to Ask.

Says Brodsky, "Our movie will deal with the spirit of Dr. Reuben's book as well as with the clinical details. We plan to dramatize his experiences in researching the book, in addition to filming a variety of relevant passages. We'll try to throw new light on modern sexual behavior and, without leering, present the frankest, most adult treatment of sex ever shown on screen."

Reached for comment, Dr. Reuben seemed convinced the leers would be kept at a minimum. "I feel that they will adhere to the book as closely as possible and that they will film it with understanding and good humor."

If funny, could be it may pop up on a double bill with Portnoy's Complaint.

* Gore Vidal may film Rabelais, Jean-Louis Barrault's French stage production. Barrault will work on the screenplay with Vidal, as well as appear in a small role.

* Josepf Shaftel, American expatriate who has been turning out movies in London for the past few years, is another producer sold on Israel. He will begin filming Masada, in Israel this December. Anthony Shaffer has written the script which is about the Hebrew Zealots' heroic rebellion in the Holy Land in 73 A.D.

* Montreal-born actor E. M. Margolese has gone from his start in Montreal Yiddish theater to Broadway roles. He played Rod Steiger's brother-in-law in The Pawnbroker.

GRACE PERSONIFIED.-Patricia Beatty, in Mirrors, performed by the Toronto Dance Theater at the St. Lawrence Center for the Arts. David Earle is choreographer.

EXOTIC PERFORMER. - Nihal of Ceylon, whose strong tenor voice is delighting guests in the Imperial Room of Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

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RUSSIAN PARADOX

by Leonid Finkelstein

"The disappearance of the ancient Jewish people and its absorbption by other nations is a long-established scientific fact. . .The Zionists ought to set up a monument to Hitler: it was the mad Fuhrer himself who, in his hysterical "Mein Kampf", established the basic dogma of Zionism -- the existence of a "world-wide Jewish nation" and "Jewish race."

This verbal "liquidation" of the Jewish people was proclaimed in "Komsomolskaya Pravda," the leading Soviet youth newspaper on May 16, 1970.

Now read this: "Two gigantic boa-constrictors are closing in on mankind with gaping jaws. . .One of these loathsome creatures has on its forehead a four-legged spider, the swastika, the other -- a wad of dollars and the poisonous withered branch of the tree of Judas from the Desert of Zion." This quotation is taken from the book, "Deer's Pools," by one M. Kochnev, published in Moscow last December.

It is far from easy to explain or understand these paranoiac and viciously antisemitic contradictions. How can one account for the flood of this sort of writing in a country whose propaganda constantly boasts of equality, internationalism, etc?

The only way to grasp this phenomenon is to see it against the background of the plight of Russian Jewry since 1917. A book edited by Lionel Kochan, just published by Oxford University Press and entitled "The Jews in Soviet Russia since 1917", provides a wealth of information and reflections on this subject. The main virtue of this work is its scholarly approach. This is not to say that the facts and opinions expressed in it are "balanced." The authors of the sixteen articles comprising the work have made no effort to coordinate their opinions. All are competent scholars; they use only reliable sources and in the majority of cases come to the inevitable but significant conclusions.

For example, over the period 1880-1930 more than two million Jews emigrated from Russia (see the article by S. Levenberg). This explains why so many British and American Jews have Polish or Russian ancestors. From 1931 to 1937 only four aged Jews were allowed to emigrate.

There are many similar startling revelations and contrasts in the book, but its main value is not so much in factual material as its analysis of the roots of the tragedy of Russia's Jews. J. B. Schechtman tells the sad story of the so-called "Yevsektsia," a zealous Jewish Communist body which existed throughout the twenties and was disbanded in 1930.

One learns that in the twenties the Soviet government did not flately oppose the emigration of Jews of Palestine -- it was the "Yevsektsia" who opposed it. The Yevsektsia members not only did their best to prevent emigration but also denounced Russian Zionists and painted them as anti-Soviet. No-one can tell how many Jews might have escaped the purges and the Holocaust but for the Yevsektsia's activities. In the mid-thirties almost all the members of the Yevsektsia themselves eventually fell victim to the purges and perished.

The overwhelming majority of Jews in the USSR today are completely disillusioned with the so-called "friendship of the nations" and internationalism of the Communist Party. However this cannot be said of some Jews in the West, and, reading this book, I could not help thinking those Western Jews who, despite everything still cling to their "progressive" left-wing ideas and are even members of the Communist Parties and communist-affiliated organizations. Certainly this book (which does not touch on this topic) will be a salutary lesson for them.

Another virtue of this book is its profound understanding of the nature of Soviet antisemitism. I myself lived in the Soviet Union for forty-two years and am in a position to confirm that the presentation of Soviet antisemitism as a highly complicated phenomenon is quite correct. From the excellent article by Bernard D. Weinryb, as well as from the other contributions, the reader is well-warned against oversimplification.

It is wrong to suggest, for example, that Russian people are by nature antisemitic; it is equally wrong to think that antisemitism is consistently or continually imposed on the population by the authorities.

The repeated waves of antisemitism in Russia -- and the most vicious one at present sweeping the country -- have always been the result of many interwoven factors -- external, internal, economic, political, etc. The present campaign, for example, is motivated mainly by an external factor (the Israeli victory in the Six-Day War) and an internal one (tremendous economic difficulties).

Quite apart from analysing the unfortunate plight of Soviet Jewry the book contributes a great deal to our understanding of cultural, religious and other aspects of Jewish life in the Soviet Union. Perhaps the two best contributions dealing with this are those by Maurice Friedberg, whose knowledge of contemporary Russian literature and art is unsurpassed. Incidently, these two articles by Professor Friedberg are the only ones entirely free from even minor errors and inaccuracies.

This is not to say that there are many faults in the other articles, but now and then one encounters statements such as "The Jewish population. . .has no voice on the Council of Nationalities (of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR)" (page 37), or: "Article 135 of the constitution is thus emptied of content so far as Jews are concerned" (page 39). Literally both statements are quite correct, but they leave an impression that somebody has some voice, or that other articles of the constitution are not empty of content. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Now and then there are mistakes such as gnus', translated as a kind of tsetse fly, whereas it is in fact a small gnat; or one reads that Vorkuta is in Siberia, which is not the case; or that the name of the famous Russian woman pilot is Raskova, not Raskina. She was Russian, not Jewish, which might have been inferred from her incorrectly given surname.

It is difficult to agree with Reuben Ainsztein that "there is no doubt that the majority of Russians, Ukrainians and Byelo-Russians agreed with Stalin's policy of keeping their country out of a European war and regarded the (Hitler-Stalin) pact as fully justified." From what one recalls of those days in Russia exactly the contrary was the case.

But these, and some other, minor lapses in no way reduce the interest or the value of this book. It is revealing, even for a person already fully aware of the Jewish situation in the USSR, -- even more so for any Western Jew anxious to know about the three million, their fate and their aspirations.

TORTURE CHAMBER D.C.

By Ephraim Kishon

"BE seated," President Nixon said as he shook my hand smiling broadly. "How are things at home?"

"Thanks," I said and sat down in the armchair facing his desk. "The weather has been rather rainy lately, but still all right for flying."

"I am pleased to hear that. I will be out fishing over the week-end."

"Indeed?"

"Yes."

Here our lively conversation ground to a stop. The President smiled cordially and pointed through the window at the White House Rose Garden.

"I think the lawn ought to be mowed, what do you think?"

"Absolutely," I said and added quickly, "I want Phantoms."

The President turned towards me, his face wreathed in smiles.

"You need those planes, don't you?"

"Yes, Mr. President."

"I am happy to inform you that I have already given your request my close attention. My decision has been taken."

"Taken?"

"Taken. Tea or coffee?"

"Yes."

"Personally, I prefer weak tea. How many spoons?"

"35."

"I take saccharine, not that it matters, but my wife is watching my waist-line. I play golf every Friday with Senator Fulbright. Why don't you join us sometime?"

"Thank you."

"It has been a pleasure meeting you. I am sure I will see you again..."

Mr. Nixon shook my hand, smiling broadly.

"Mr. President," I said, "those planes are a matter of life or death for us..."

"So it seems," Mr. Nixon agreed. "Therefore I won't delay my answer any longer."

"Thank you so much."

"You are welcome. That is my motto: if you have got an answer, give it right away, on the spot, without delay, without unnecessary tension. In other words, if you can't make up your mind, shut up, but if you have taken a decision like me, announce it without further ado. Every minute counts, every second, why torture your fellow man, right?"

"Right, so..."

"That's how I always acted, I am a born quick-decision maker. By the way, this reminds me of an excellent joke, do you know it? A Jewish voter in New York says: 'My dad always voted Democrat and my granddad did, and so I will vote for them as well.' Then someone from my party, the Republican, asks him: 'And if your dad were a horse-thief and your granddad too, would you also be a horse-thief?' 'No,' the Jew answers, 'then I would be a Republican,' ha ha ha..."

"Ha."

"An excellent joke. I heard it the other day from one of the oil company representatives."

"Did you meet them?"

"They live here. What was it that we were talking about"

"The Phantoms..."

"Yes," the President smiled cordially. "Believe me, it was not easy to reach a decision. There are all sorts of global considerations pro and con. For instance, on the one hand, you are the only true democracy in the area, but on the other, you are also the friends of the United States. True, you block all by yourselves the advance of the Russians, but the Arabs serve them faithfully. You need those arms to ensure your survival, but it should not be forgotten even for a moment that you pay us cash. You certainly need those planes, on the other hand, it cannot be denied that I have publicly promised them to you. All these contradictions add up to a very delicate complication, you see. But in the end I did make up my mind. And if I make up my mind, it is final, it is definitive, it is beyond any doubt."

"So Mr. President..."

"My decision is unequivocal and speaks for itself. Would you like to write it down?"

"I'll remember it..."

"You are 100 per cent right. One has to keep one's word. "An honest man stands up to be counted. If you said yes, it has got to be yes, and if you said no, it's no. If you said, we'll see, it's we'll see. If you say, it is scrambled eggs, it is scrambled eggs. It is the same with coleslaw. I could give you many more examples but I don't want to waste any more of your precious time. Won't you drop in next week?"

"I'd prefer now... I implore you... Now..."

"I see, I see. Just a second...!"

Here the President stepped over to his secretary and donated 1,000 planes to South Vietnam, 60 to Iran, 100 to Saudi Arabia and 70 (by mistake) to People's China. Afterwards Mr. Nixon had a light meal and a nap and exchanged a few words with the Marquis de Sade, in Washington on an advanced training course.

"I am so sorry," the President returned, smiling cordially, "you see the past week almost did me in, I had to rush over to Pompidou in New York because of the demonstrations against him. As a matter of fact, what can I do for you sir?"

"The Phantoms, Mr. President, the Phantoms..."

"Yes, yes, now I remember. You will get my final answer within six minutes."

With that the President took out his watch and placed it in front of him on the desk. He fixed his eyes on the dial and from time to time sent me a friendly smile.

"It's getting late, isn't it?" He broke the silence 15 minutes later. "Would you like to see something on TV?"

"The planes, Sir..."

"Of course! Did I tell you that I had taken my final decision"

"Yes, you took it."

"Believe me, I have no intention of keeping you on tenterhooks any longer.

"Thank you."

"To cut a long story short."

"Yes!"

"Openly, as among friends."

"Yes, yes, yes."

"The planes you want..."

"Oy..."

"Are, according to my best judgement..."

"Oy..."

"Without prejudice and without fear..."

"Without..."

"Straight from the shoulder without beating about the bush..."

"Without... without..."

"In short..."

"Yes..."

"How is Golda?"

Here I rose and crawled completely exhausted, towards the door.

"Where are you going?" The President asked, smiling broadly, "Don't you realise that I am about to announce my favourable decision on the Phantoms..."

"Thanks," I said. "They are now obsolete."

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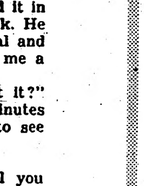

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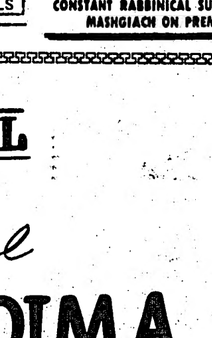

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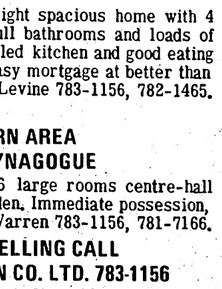

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CANADIANS AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION.-Louis. Rasminsky, Governor of the Bank of Canada since 1961, who will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree when Yeshiva University in New York holds its 39th annual graduation exercises on Thursday, June 18th. The event also will feature the presentation of the University's Mordecai Ben David Award to Dr. Yaacov Herzog, former Israeli Ambassador to Canada, now Director-General of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and roving ambassador.

WILL BE HONORED. - Meyer W. Gasner, Toronto industrialist and leading figure in the city's Jewish community, will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the 39th annual commencement exercises of New York's Yeshiva University, Thursday, June 18th.

TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION EXERCISES.- Rabbi Emanuel Forman of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, who will offer the invocation and benediction at Yeshiva University's commencement exercises, Thursday, June 18th.

The Chug Aliyah — CJN REPORT BY STEPHEN BARRY

TORONTONIANS WHO PLAN TO SETTLE IN THE HOLY LAND

Since the June 1967 War, despite the growing tension in the Middle East, emigration to Israel by Canadian Jews has substantially increased, with more than 500 in 1969 and a larger number expected to leave this year.

An organization set up to provide valuable information about Israel to would-be immigrants is Chug Aliya, a purely voluntary group with branches in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg.

Established in July 1968, the Toronto Chub Aliyah was formed by Chana Greenbaum, who has since settled in Israel. Present chairman is Dr. Leo Wolfson, a Toronto dentist who leaves for Israel July 6 with his wife and three teenage children. Present membership of the group is 110 families, all of whom will leave for Israel in the next three years, with 20 families planning to go in 1970.

The purpose of the group is to inform members about all they wish to learn about Israel before they leave to begin a new life. They meet regularly, hold discussions and listen to experts from Israel on such subjects as the Israeli economy and the history of the Middle East.

Information is obtained and circulated within the group regarding housing and employment possibilites. Women benefit by receiving details of Israeli food costs which are obtained through the Aliyah depart of the Jewish Agency in Toronto.

Special attention is paid to the fact that most of the 110 member families have children, and regular classes in Hebrew are held. For high school children a special course in Israeli geography has been launched, a subject only lightly touched upon in most Canadian schools. The course is being given by Rivka Gonen, wife of Dr. Amram Gonen, an Israeli geography professor at the University of Toronto. Also to aid children special arrangements are being made to obtain textbooks used in Israeli schools. Dr. Wolfson stresses that the changes in moving to a new country can be hard on school age children so Chug Aliyah is determined to do all it can to make the transition as smooth as possible.

At the group's regular meeting letters and tapes received from former members now settled in Israel are read. The letters contain valuable information for the would-be immigrant such as what household items to take or to leave behind, and how best to prepare for the crucial first few months' usually spent living in absorbtion centres established by the Israeli government.

The link with former members who have left Canada is strong, and new arrivals in Israel can be assured of a warm welcome when they are greeted by former Chug members from Canada, Dr. Wolfson says.

If I were planning to join the growing Aliya to Israel from Canada, the first thing I would do would be to contact the Chug. The voluntary work they undertake to inform members of the new life ahead is both valuable and very necessary.

SATMAR IS DESTROYED

London, (JCNS). - Satu Mare (Satmar), in northeast Rumania, once the seat of the famous Satmarer dynasty of Hasidic rabbis, is one of the many Rumanian towns completely obliterated by the worst flood disaster to hit the country for 500 years.

The Chief Rabbi of Rumania, Dr. Moses Rosen, stated that several hundred Jewish communal buildings were destroyed by the flood waters, which reached a depth of 25 feet in places. Hundreds of Jewish families were among those left completely destitute.

"It is not yet possible to calculate the full extent of the disaster and the damage done. I have just cabled our President, to tell him that the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania will donate 250,000 lei to the national relief fund," Rabbi Rosen said.

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

LUNCHEON

The Ner Israel Yeshiva Auxiliary held its annual Torah Fund luncheon last Sunday. Mrs. A. Kaplan introduced the head table guests. Invocation was made by Mrs. J. Weinberg. Mrs. W. Schwartz presented pins to new life members. An address was delivered by newly ordained Rabbi Israel Blumenfeld. Mrs. H. Botnick gave the presidential address. A skit, Bargains for a Lifetime, was presented, directed by Mrs. S. Frankel. Cast included Mesdames, M. Blumenfeld, Y. Buksbaum, Y. L. d'Ancona, A. Kaplan, E. Mishaan.

CRUSADE

Last Sunday the 1970 Crusade Against Leukemia presented its 7th annual festival in Mirvish Village. There was entertainment for the entire family. Proceeds allocated to leukemia research.

TOR. SYNAGOGUES

INSTALLATION

Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will tender its installation dinner of the officers and boards of governors this coming Monday, June 8th. Irving Kasdan and Willie Silverberg are program co-chairmen. They will present a one-half-hour tape and slide show of the past years of the Congregation, Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

CONCERT

The Toronto Council of Cantors, in cooperation with Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, will present a concert on behalf of Ezra and Dakima Schools, Monday evening, June 15th, at B'nai Israel Beth David. Featured will be: Cantor Tibor Kelen; Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum; Adath Israel Choir; Cantor Harold Klein and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Choir. Accompanist: Sara Barkin Sandler. The Rotary School for retarded children will be special guests.

BANQUET

Wilson Heights, B'nai B'rith, will hold a banquet and dance tomorrow evening.

HIS ART WORK FEATURED.-Saul Field, well known Canadian artist, whose art work and direction of the first part of the trilogy, Bloomsday, will be a feature in a three part art film series based on James Joyce's novel, Ulysses, which will be produced shortly by Halda Films. The twenty-minute episode centers around one of Joyce's main characters in the novel, Leopold Bloom.

Field's art film, Tevye, recently has won awards in the Melbourne and Chicago film festivals and is entered in the forthcoming New York Film Festival.

Jewish studies at U of T

Through the tireless efforts of several devoted Toronto Jews and Canadian Jewish Congress, the faculty of the University of Toronto has set up a program which will cover many areas on Judaic studies: History; Sociology; Religious Studies; Near Eastern Studies. The following subjects can be taken during a four-year-enrolment at the University: Modern Hebrew; Early Biblical Literature and Translations; Classics of Jewish Tradition; Jewish Philosophy; Basic Ideas and Practices of the Jewish Religion.

Alfred Green became interested in this important project from the very beginning and was determined to extend his encouragement to students seeking Hebrew knowledge by offering a Judaic Scholarship. This gift will be an annual award. It is the first such scholarship presented.

HUMAN RELATIONS

A SON COMPLAINS

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QUESTION

I am 52, married 32 years to a professional. He is 64. We have been fairly happy. We have three sons, all married.

My sons make me feel guilty all the time. My eldest son seems to dislike us and treats us like strangers before others.

We did everything possible for him before he was married. He married when he started medical school. We paid for his tuition and everything that goes with education. Until he became a resident we gave them something every month.

Our 23-year-old son, a school teacher is always saying we don't help him enough. The reason we don't is that his wife is young and capable of working, but doesn't. We give them cash gifts, occasionally.

We still support our youngest (he is graduating in June), and his wife works.

They are always saying how much other parents do for thier children. They claim that we should ask once in a while if they need help. They are always buying things for themselves and their wives. I told them if they were ever in need, I would help.

At this stage, shouldn't we be thinking of ourselves and not worrying about our children?

ANSWER:

After parents have provided their children with good education and have given them the kind of training which enables them to operate on their own, the greatest added gift they can give their grown children is to provide for their own future.

Parents who are concerned about whether their children will be there to care for and support them in times of need begin to make implicit demands in the present. They want continued expressions of gratitude and extra attentions from their children for all that they did for them. This is a promise that they would be repaid should it ever be necessary.

When all the children react the same way toward their parents and are critical, demanding and unappreciative, the parents would do well to look within themselves to see what caused this behavior.

You and your husband no doubt gave your sons the very best that you could. Going on for a higher education and seeing it through is indicative of a great sense of responsibility, which again they must have gotten from their parents. However, during their growing years, they may have felt that you put them in competition with each other and with their father for your favor. You enjoyed the special status of the one and only female in the family, on whom the males conferred their attention and love.

When the relationship with your husband was only "fairly good", you may have used your sons as substitutes to fill the void, or as weapons to punish him. Although a proud and loving father, he may have resented them because of his loss of standing with you. But as each son married, you felt you were being deserted, and that someone else was replacing you in their lives. Each daughter-in-law became a rival who won out. Now you have three rivals, as your husband had three competitors before.

Your sons' basic complaint may not be about how little you have given but rather how guilty you have made them feel about getting what was their rightful due, as children of a successful professional.

If you want a good relationship with your sons and their families in the future, this whole matter of money should be discussed with each couple. Any hurts caused by their attitude and behavior could then be talked out, instead of acted out before others.

Most of all, you should get to know your daughters-in-law better, and become more accepting of them. If they are making your sons happy and fulfilled, they are giving you the greatest gift of all by securing each sons' future, both in love and in work.

CONSTITUTIONAL

by Ruthie

These mild evenings will find most couples taking their constitutional. Roughly speaking, it means taking a walk after dinner. Chief purpose is to knock off the calories and keep in trim. Taking a constitutional is supposed to check all ailments: obesity, sluggishness, a dull mind, temper — anything you want, just like a *shvitz* (Turkish bath).

But taking a constitutional and taking a constitutional are two different things.

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When I go by myself, I *tahke* (really) give it the old heave-hoe. I decide upon a point of destination maybe, say, two miles away and then go at it.

Nothing — but nothing — disrupts my walk. I can pass a hundred shop windows, notice from the corner of my eye a dozen different fashions of clothes, yet I'll look straight ahead and keep going. Of course, I need mental blinkers.

Still, when a woman is stubborn, she's stubborn. I arrive home good and tired, but, ah, with what a sense of achievement!

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A constitutional with my husband, however, is *gants* (completely) another story.

He starts out with such a feeling of virtue. But after five steps, one of many things occurs.

He suddenly remembers that he brought home a load of paper work which demands immediate attention. So why did I *ferdray* (turn) his head? He could take a walk another night.

Or else, he figures it's going to rain — there isn't the usual amount of stars in the sky. Naturally he won't melt! But don't I know he can catch cold?

Or else, he actually starts out in good faith. Until he thrusts out his chest, takes a good whiff and — sneezes. Hayfever!

Once we did walk ten blocks. Then he decided to stop at a cafe — you know, a little *shmooz* (gossip) with anyone there over a cup of coffee. (No cream or sugar, honest. But blintzes on the side.) Afterwards we taxied home.

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Then he wonders why, the next morning, he feels bloated, is a pound heavier, chokes when he sits, can't catch his breath and breakfast is tasteless.

So he promises to be a good boy and start over again. Tonight's the night. He'll do anything — except take a constitutional. (Copyright North American Press, 1970)

NO DEATH SENTENCES

Tel Aviv. - (JCNS). - The Israeli Defense Ministry issued orders last week intended to prvent the danger of military judges responding to increased pressure to impose the death sentence on saboteurs.

Another condition is that at least two of the three judges must be lawyers. This is to prevent the possibility of two military judges without any legal background imposing the death sentence.

There was reportedly a recent case when two judges without any legal background tried to impose the death sentence against the view of the third judge.

Recipe for the week

Crisp oat drops

1 cup sifted flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 cup butter or margarine, room temperature
1 egg
1/4 tsp. vanilla
3/4 cup quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
1/4 cup sugar
Oven temp. 375 degrees

Bake: 10 to 12 minutes
Yield: 3 doz. (approx.)

In a bowl, sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, soda and cinnamon. With a wooden spoon, stir in the brown sugar. With a pastry blender cut in the butter until mixture is crumbly. Stir in egg and vanilla till well blended. Blend in the oats, raisins and nuts. Shape dough into balls (1 inch in diameter). Put the fourth cup of sugar in a bowl; dip tops of balls in the sugar; place sugar-side up on ungreased baking sheets two inches apart (they spread considerably). Bake in a moderate oven until nicely browned. Quickly remove from baking sheet to racks and let cool.

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